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HOUSE RESOLUTION 20 of the First Extraordinary Session
By Roach

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Billy "Bill" Bently
Stapleton of Washburn.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Mr. Billy "Bill" Bently Stapleton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stapleton was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was dedicated to his profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, Billy Bently Stapleton was born 63 years ago, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nelson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bill Stapleton was a prominent farmer in Grainger County, whose wisdom and intellect was widely respected among the community; he served with acumen from 1976-99 on the Board of Directors for the Citizen's Bank and Trust Co. of Rutledge; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Bill Stapleton leaves behind will be remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Bill enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Margaret "Sally" Jones Stapleton; was the proud parent of a son, Joseph Bently Stapleton of Knoxville; a daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Tim Belk of Washburn; and was the doting grandfather of Jared and Ryon Belk; and

WHEREAS, Bill will also be missed by his brother, Robert Nelson Stapleton, Jr. of Rutledge; his sister, Shirley Stapleton Kincaid of Dayton, Ohio; his nieces and nephews, Craig, Doug, Michael and Sherry Kincaid of Ohio; and his mother-in-law, Ina Ruth Jones; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body should pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor the memory of Mr. Billy "Bill" Bently Stapleton, remembering with admiration his exemplary character and many selfless contributions to the Washburn community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mr. Stapleton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.